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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yutaka KASHIHARA, et al.

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FOR: SIGNAL EVALUATION METHOD, INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS,  
INFORMATION REPRODUCING APPARATUS, AND INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM

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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
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- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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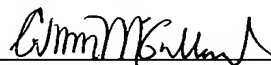
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (2003-272304) on Form PTO-1449:**

This publication may describe part of the fundamental technical concepts underlying the present invention, but the parameter selection method and other detailed features disclosed in the publication are distinctly different from the features of the present invention.

**Reference AP (2002-38738) on Form PTO-1449:**

This publication is referred to in the specification.

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AO	2003-272304	09/26/03	Japan		X
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## OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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